## ABSTRACT

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A method is provided for estimating the position of a movable device in a borehole. The method comprises the steps of:

- (a) providing a prior location probability distribution associated with a first position of the device in the borehole,
  - (b) providing a measurement of a putative distance moved by the device and/or a measurement of a characteristic of the surroundings of the device, the or each measurement being associated with movement of the device to a subsequent position in the borehole, and
  - (c) calculating a posterior location probability distribution associated with the subsequent position, the posterior location probability distribution being conditional on the prior location probability distribution, and the or each measurement.